Winter Woods

YOU CAN'T
GET UP
RIGHT NOW.

SHAKE
SHAKE

RATTLE
RATTLE
KOONG
SIGH~

SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE ARMS OR LEGS.

ROY WAS THE ONE WHO FIRST TAUGHT ME HOW TO SPEAK.

REPEAT AFTER ME.
MA-STER
M-M....

WHEN I HAD ARMS AND COULD LIFT MYSELF,
HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO WRITE.

WHEN I FINALLY HAD LEGS,
I COULD SPEAK A BIT AND READ EASY BOOKS,

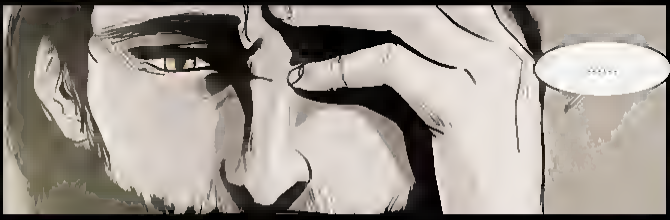
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION ROY.
...IT WAS MY FAULT FOR ASKING.

AS ROY PUT IT,
I WAS "ALL GROWN UP NOW."

BUT I HAD A VERY BIG PROBLEM.

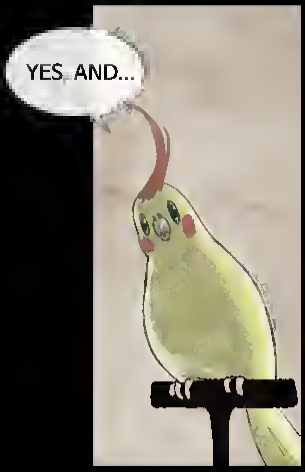
AND WHEN I COULD MOVE AROUND
LIKE ROY AND MY MASTER

I COULD TALK LIKE NORMAL AND
EVEN UNDERSTAND MY MASTER'S BOOKS.



SO
EVEN THIS TIME
THE HEART ISN'T
BEATING...

HE CAN'T FEEL
ANYTHING EITHER?

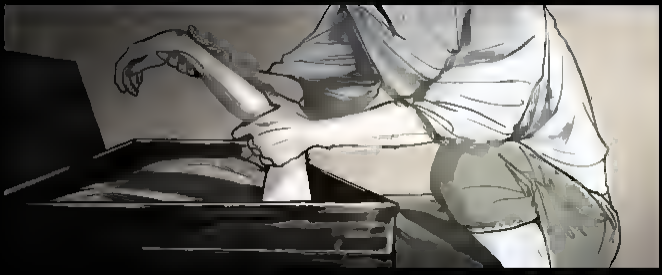

YES. AND...

HIS RIGHT ARM..

ONLY MY RIGHT ARM ALWAYS FELL OFF..

BUT NOT ONLY DID I NOT FEEL ANYTHING IN MY HEART-

I DION'T EVEN KNOW WHAT EMOTIONS WERE.



SO MY MASTER WENT ANO GOT AN ARM ANO
SOME ORGANS FROM SOMEWHERE

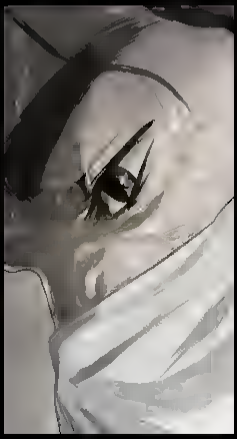
ANO THEN I HAD TO LAY ON THE OPERATING TABLE
THAT OAY.

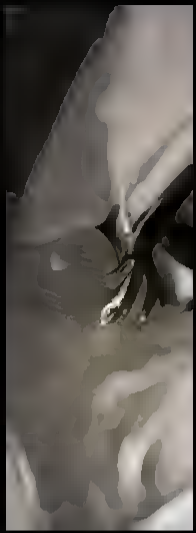
WHEN I CLOSED AND THEN REOPENED
MY EYES, I HAD A NEW ARM,

BUT IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO CHANGE
THAT LITTLE LUMP IN MY CHEST.

AND EACH TIME, I WOULD WATCH
MY MASTER'S FACE CAREFULLY.

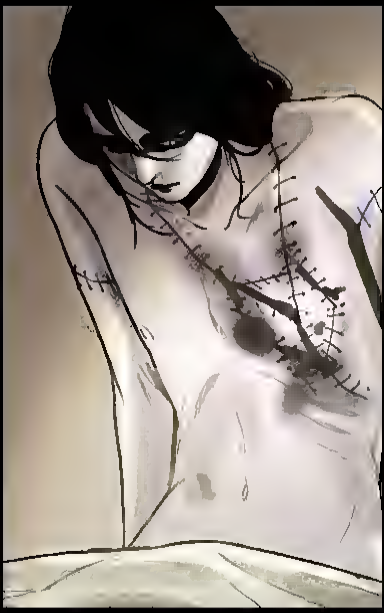
HIS EYES..





HIS SWEAT..

EACH TIME HE SAID IT WAS ALL FINISHED,
I WOULD HAVE A NEW SCAR ON MY BODY.



BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY SCARS I GOT,
I COULDN'T FEEL ANYTHING MOVING INSIDE MY CHEST,

AND MY RIGHT ARM KEPT ROTTING AWAY.

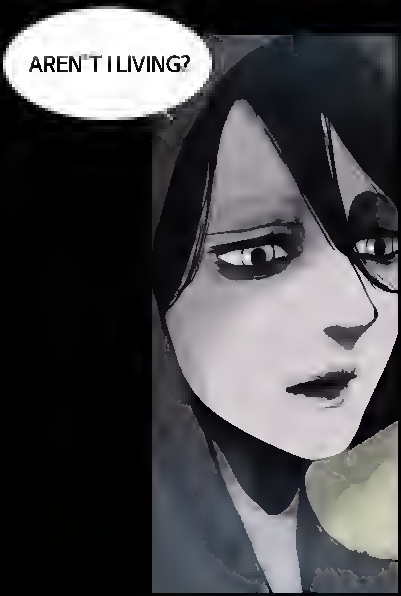
CRUNCH...

CRUNCH
CRUNCH

ROY

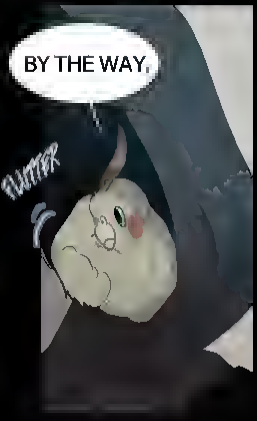
WHY DOES MASTER KEEP EXPERIMENTING ON ME?
I CAN ALREADY MOVE SO WELL
STEP
STEP

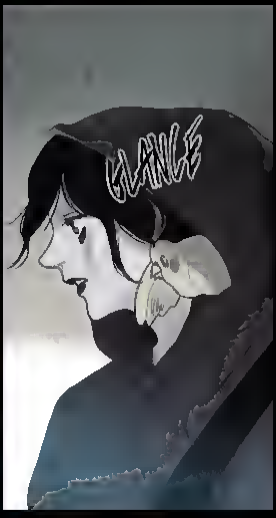
MASTER WANTS TO MAKE A FAMILY.
A LIVING FAMILY.


AREN'T I LIVING?

NO, YOU'RE DEAD.
THEN WHAT DOES "LIVING" MEAN?
...ACTUALLY, I'M NOT REALLY SURE EITHER.
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
OF COURSE. I'M ONE OF HIS SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS. BUT I'M STILL JUST A CREATION TOO.

DOESN'T IT HURT? DOES IT MAKE YOU ANGRY OR UPSET?
UPSET?
SEE? YOU'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
USUALLY, LIVING THINGS HAVE SOMETHING CALLED EMOTIONS, EVEN THE SMALLEST OF CREATURES.
BUT YOU...


BY THE WAY,
FLUTTER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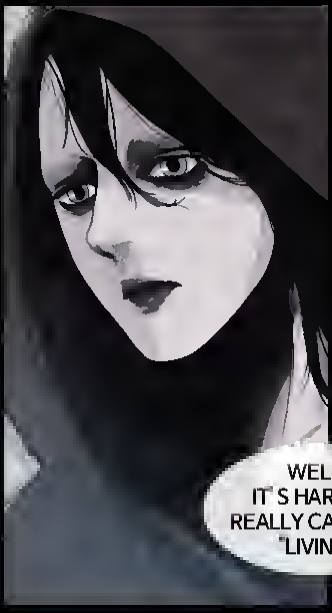
WELL.
IT'S HARD TO
REALLY CALL YOU
"LIVING."

THAT'S WHY MASTER
KEEPS EXPERIMENTING
ON YOU.

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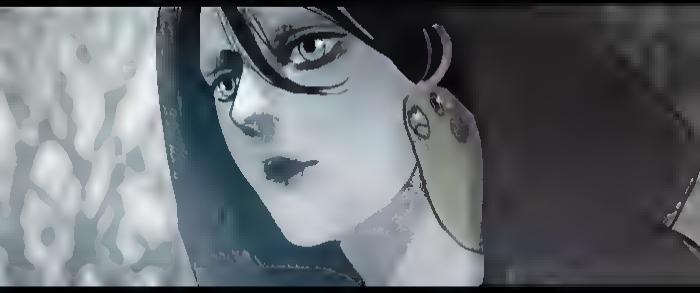
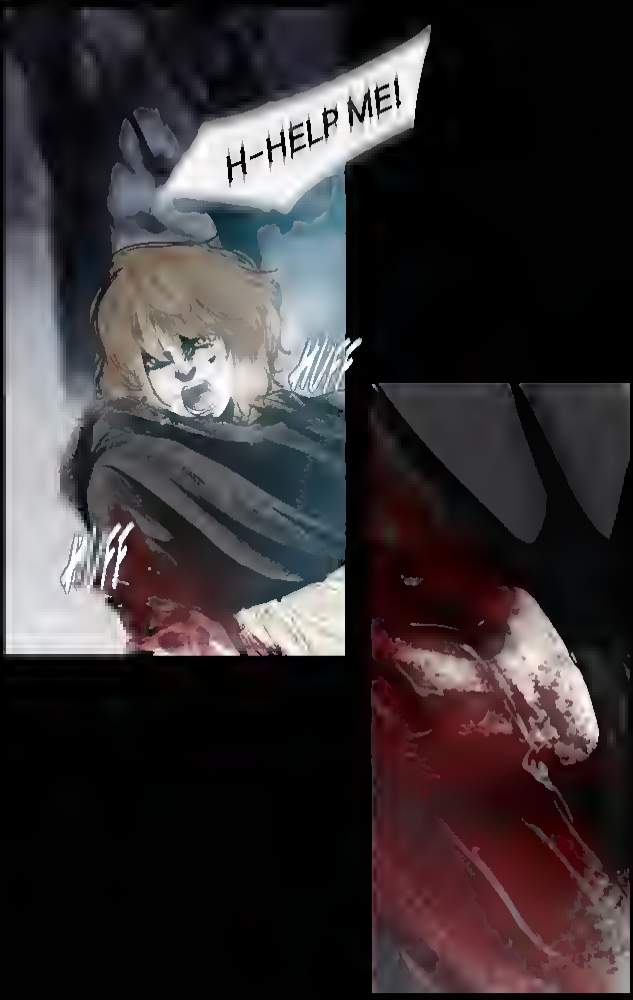
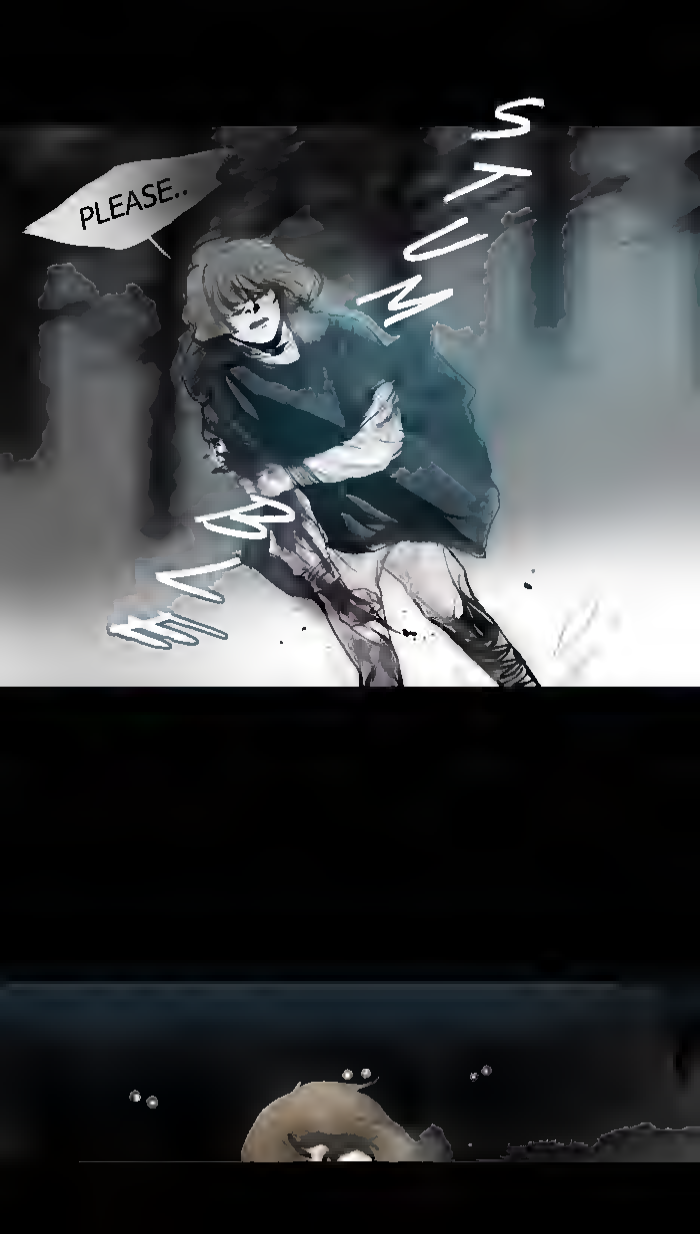
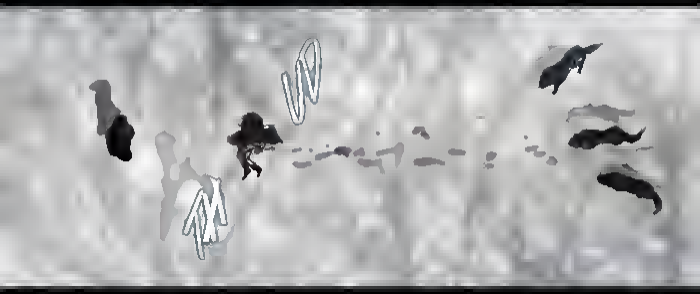



H-HELP ME!
HUFF
HUFF


PLEASE..
STUMBLE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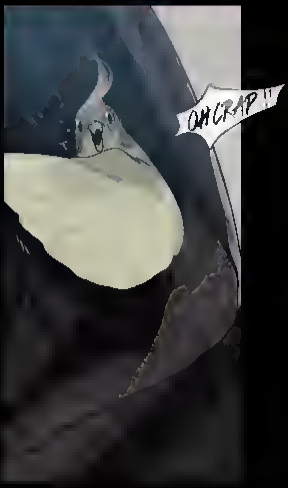
OH CRAP !!

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